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**التبغ المعسل**

**Almeassel tobacco**

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## Foreword

GCC Standardization Organization (GSO) is a regional Organization which consists of the national standards Bodies of GCC member states. One of GSO main functions is to issue Gulf Standards / Technical Regulations through Specialized Technical Committees (TCS).

GSO through the technical program of committee TC No . “5” Gulf Technical Committee for Standards of Food and Agricultural Products has update the GSO standard No. 1415/2006 "Almeassel tobacco". The draft standard has been prepared by state of Qatar.

This standard has been approved as a Gulf Technical Regulation by GSO Board of Directors in its meeting No. ( ) held on / / H, / / G.

This approved Standard shall replace and supersede the Standard No. 1415/2006.

## Almeassel tobacco

### 1. Scope and field of application:

This Gulf standard is concerned with Almeassel tobacco, its ingredients, additives and their standards .

### 2. Complementary standards:

- 2.1 GSO. (246): "Labeling of tobacco products".
- 2.2 GSO (597): Cigarettes).
- 2.3 Gulf standards concerning the methods of test for tobacco and its product which shall be approved by the Organization.

### 3. Definitions:

#### **Almeassel tobacco:**

Ground tobacco obtained from plants of the species *Nicotina tobacum* and *Nicotina rustica* and / or any blend from them to which is added treacle or invert treacle or both, molasses and glycerin, it is used for smoking by Hookah.

### 4. Requirements:

The following requirements shall be met in the product:

- 4.1 The raw materials used in the processing, shall comply with Gulf standards specific to each.
- 4.2 The raw tobacco used in the processing of Almeassel shall be cleaned and free from parasites, viral infections, spores, decay, insects and foreign materials.
- 4.3 Ammeassel shall be processed in authorized establishment for this purpose, it is prohibited to use Almeassel prepared manual for commercial purposes (as café, hotels and shops for sell tobacco products).
- 4.4 The characteristics of tobacco used shall provide for absorption of additives components and do not allow them to ooze.
- 4.5 No smoked tobacco or any tobacco that has been subject to any modification of process its characteristics shall be used in processing.
- 4.6 The final product shall be free from insects, decay and any foreign vegetable or non-vegetable materials.
- 4.7 It is not allowed to remolass the product.
- 4.8 Added treacle contents shall not exceed 250 parts per 100 parts by weight of tobacco.
- 4.9 In the case of using a mixture of treacle and the molasses, molasses content shall not exceed 25% of the mixture.
- 4.10 Sand content in Almeassel tobacco shall not exceed 5% calculated on the basis of the weight of tobacco used in its processing.

- 4.11 Sugar content in Almeassel tobacco shall not exceed 53% calculated as glucose at 22% moisture content.
- 4.12 Pure glycerin content shall not exceed 10 parts per 100 parts of product weight.
- 4.13 Moisture content shall not exceed 17% by weight.
- 4.14 Nicotine content shall not exceed 0.5% (On dry weight basis).
- 4.15 Total ash content shall not exceed 12% (On dry weight basis).
- 4.16 Acid insoluble ash content shall not exceed 5% (On dry weight basis).
- 4.17 Nitrogen content shall not exceed 0.5% (On dry weight basis).
- 4.18 Adding volatile organic acids to the product is not allowed.
- 4.19 Adding oils and aromatic essences to the product is not allowed.
- 4.20 Adding any color or flavored is not allowed.
- 4.21 Sodium benzoate may be added provided that it will not exceed 2.5 g/ Kg of tobacco weight.
- 4.22 Pesticides residues shall not exceed the maximum limits specified in the Gulf standard mentioned in Item (2.2).
- 4.23 Allow for tolerance in analysis results within  $\pm 5\%$ .

## 5. **Packing:**

- 5.1 The product shall be packed in cases that do not absorb contents and that prevent loss of moisture (glassine paper), and these cases shall be packed in hermetically sealed packets.
- 5.2 The net weight of the packet shall not exceed 250gm  $\pm 5\%$ .

## 6. **Labeling:**

Without prejudice to what has been mentioned in Gulf Standard stated in Item 2.1, the following information shall be declared on the label:

- 6.1 Product name (Almeassel tobacco) and its trade mark (if found), country of origin And the name and address of the importer in the case of importing .
- 6.2 Net weight when packed with international units.
- 6.3 Nicotine content.
- 6.4 Production and expiry date (month – year), provided that expiry date **shall not exceed one year from production date**.
- 6.5 Health warning and warning photo according to what mentioned in Gulf Standard mentioned in Item (2.1).
- 6.6 **Statement “For GCC sale”.**

## 7. **Sampling:**

The following shall be observed when sampling.

- 7.1 Samples shall be kept in clean, dry and hermetically sealed containers.
- 7.2 Samples shall be stored in well ventilated places away from heat sources until they are analyzed.

7.3 Samples shall be taken at random according to the following table:

Lot size (box)	No. of containers to be selected (box)
Up to 25	2
From 26 to 150	3
From 151 to 300	4
From 301 to 500	5
From 501 to 1000	7
More than 1000	10

**8. Transportation and Storage:**

Transportation and storage of the products shall be carried out in such a manner as not to cause moisture loss and away far from heat and contamination sources.

**9. Methods of Examination and test:**

- 9.1 All tests shall be carried out on the representative sample taken according to Item (7) to insure its compliance with the items of this Standard.
- 9.2 Tests shall be carried out the Gulf Standard mentioned in Item (2.3).
- 9.3 Calculations shall be made on the basis of 13% moisture content of used tobacco.